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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently amended) A coupling for a pipe, the coupling comprising: a housing of a relatively rigid plastics material, said housing having a bore therein; a retainer ~~for retaining~~ arranged to retain said pipe within said housing when the pipe is pushed into the housing; and a layer of a relatively deformable material molded onto at least a part of both an inner and outer surface of said housing, wherein said layer on said inner surface is in sealing engagement with an outside of said pipe.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Previously presented) A coupling according to Claim 1, wherein said layer on said inner surface provides a tapering surface.

4. (Previously presented) A coupling according to Claim 1, wherein said retainer is formed integrally with said housing.

5. (Previously presented) A coupling according to claim 1, wherein said retainer includes at least one resilient catch member adapted to engage a projection on said pipe.

6. (Previously presented) A coupling according to Claim 5, wherein said pipe has a corrugated external surface, and wherein said catch member is adapted to engage between said corrugations.

7. (Previously presented) A coupling according to Claim 1, wherein said layer on said outer surface includes a part formed on external ledge of said housing to provide a seal with a cooperating member.

8. (Previously presented) A coupling according to Claim 1, wherein said layer on said outer surface includes a part that provides a manual gripping region.

9. (Previously presented) A coupling according to Claim 1, wherein said layer on said inner and outer surfaces is continuous with one another.

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10. (Previously presented) A coupling according to Claim 1, wherein said deformable material is an elastomeric material.

11. (Currently amended) A coupling for connecting one end of a corrugated pipe to a cooperating member, said coupling comprising: a rigid housing of tubular shape having two spring catches on opposite sides ~~adapted~~ arranged to engage between corrugations on an outside of said pipe when the pipe is pushed within the coupling ~~inserted within the coupling~~; and a continuous layer of a deformable material bonded with both an inside and outside of said housing to form an internal, tapering sealing surface adapted to seal with an outside of said pipe, an external annular sealing member, adapted to seal with the cooperating member, and an external gripping region.

12. (Currently amended) An assembly comprising a corrugated pipe and a coupling, the coupling comprising: a housing of a relatively rigid plastics material, said housing having a bore therein; retaining means arranged to retain ~~for retaining~~ said pipe within said housing when the pipe is pushed within the coupling; and a layer of a relatively deformable material molded onto at least a part of both an inner and outer surface of said housing, wherein said layer on said inside surface forms a seal with an outside surface of said pipe in said bore.

13. (Currently amended) A method of forming a coupling comprising the steps of: injecting a first material of a relatively hard plastics material to form a housing of said coupling with an integral retainer; and subsequently injecting a second, softer, deformable material to form a layer on said harder material both on an inside and outside of said housing, wherein said layer on said inside of said housing is in sealing engagement with an outside of a pipe when the pipe is pushed into the housing.

14. (Previously presented) A coupling according to claim 1, wherein said retainer includes at least one resilient catch member to engage a projection on said pipe.

15. (Previously presented) A coupling according to claim 3, wherein said retainer includes at least one resilient catch member adapted to engage a projection on said pipe.

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16. (Previously presented) A coupling according to claim 4, wherein said retainer includes at least one resilient catch member adapted to engage a projection on said pipe.